THIRD TAXING DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2005

ATTENDANCE: David Brown, Chairman, Timothy S. Plunkett, Commissioner

Connie DiScala, Treasurer

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager

OTHERS: Andy Garfunkel, Town Clerk, Stephen Orris, 3rd Taxing

District Project Manager, Chris Burr, East Norwalk Historical Cemetery Association, John Tobin, Mike Lyons, Larry Gallagher, Terry Rooney, Diane Cece, Jerry Curti, Mary Beth Plunkett, Elizabeth C. Lyons, Meghann Plunkett, Taylor Plunkett.

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all the members of the public who were in attendance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Brown invited the public to make any comments they wished to at this time. Mr. Tobin congratulated Mr. Plunkett and Ms. DiScala on their new positions.

2. SWEARING IN AND WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER AND TREASURER

The Town Clerk, Mr. Garfunkel, proceeded to swear in Mr. Plunkett as the new Third Taxing District Commissioner and Ms. DiScala as the Third Taxing District Treasurer.

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED TO RELAX THE RULE WHICH LIMITS THE PUBLIC TO SPEAKING ONLY DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO MAKE COMMENTS AND TO RAISE QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUILDING PROJECT BIDS 6. FUEL ADJUSTMENT INCREASE 10. STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEALS

Because Mr. Coggin was not able to attend, Mr. Brown suggested that Item #6 - The Fuel Adjustment Increases on the agenda be tabled until the next meeting. It was also mentioned that Mr. Plunkett was not fully familiar with Item #10 - Step 2 Grievance Appeals and that should also be tabled at this time. Mr. Orris gave an overview report on the status of Item #5 - Building Project Bids for the Commission. Following some

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discussion, Mr. Plunkett suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for November 21st.

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO TABLE ITEM #5- BUILDING PROJECT BID, ITEM #6 FUEL ADJUSTMENT INCREASE AND ITEM #10 STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEALS UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21, 2005.
- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN SECONDED.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chairman Brown announced that Attorney Dennin had tendered his resignation to the Third Taxing District.

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT MR. DENNIN'S
 RESIGNATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ATTORNEY
 DENNIN WILL REMAIN IN THE POSITION OF DESIGNATED
 ATTORNEY UNTIL REPLACED AND THAT FOLLOWING
 REPLACEMENT, HE REMAIN AS A CONTRACT ATTORNEY
 TO CARRY ON ISSUES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN STARTED.
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report for the Commission. Ms. Cece asked several questions regarding the availability of natural gas. Mr. Leary suggested they get copies of the advertisements she had seen and discuss it later.

7. DESIGNATION OF BURIAL GROUND AUTHORITY

There was a discussion about East Norwalk Cemetery and which governing body should have the authority to determine who qualifies for burial in the cemetery. A Burial Authority would authorize burials and oversee interments for the District. The statutes specifically require this. The East Norwalk Historical Cemetery Association has been acting in this role for the past few years.

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED TO DESIGNATE THE EAST NORWALK HISTORIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION AS THE BURIAL GROUND AUTHORITY FOR THE EAST NORWALK HISTORIC CEMETERY.
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Following this motion, Mr. Curti had several questions regarding the Building Projects Bids. Chairman Brown noted that Mr. Curti's questions were important and informative but asked that he wait until the meeting on the 21st to discuss specifics on the bids. This was agreeable to Mr. Curti.

8. ELECTRIC TRUCK DONATION TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Leary recommended that the Third Taxing District donate the electric truck which is currently at Gateway Community College for repairs, to the college as a teaching aid.

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED TO DONATE THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT'S ELECTRIC TRUCK TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BE USED AS A TEACHING AID.
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. FIREHOUSE LEASE

Chairman Brown briefly reviewed the situation with the lease for the firehouse at 56 Van Zant Street. During the ensuing discussion, Ms. Cece noted that the Third Taxing District voters had issued a mandate that the Board was obligated to follow in regards to collecting appropriate rent for the firehouse at 56 Van Zant Street. Mr. Leary will write a letter to the Fire Commission with an invoice for the new rent.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- ** CHAIRMAN BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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